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FM SECSTATE WASHDC  
TO AMEMBASSY AMMAN IMMEDIATE  
AMEMBASSY BEIRUT IMMEDIATE  
AMEMBASSY CAIRO IMMEDIATE  
AMEMBASSY DAMASCUS IMMEDIATE  
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CINCEUR FOR POLAD, TEL AVIV FOR PAO, DELIVER BY 9 A.M.

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TAGS: SOPN

SUBJECT: DEPARTMENT PRESS BRIEFING FOR JUNE 15, 1978

1. FOR YOUR INFORMATION AND GUIDANCE FOLLOWING ARE  
EXCERPTS FROM DEPARTMENT PRESS BRIEFING FOR JUNE 15, 1978.  
FYI ONLY, SPOKESMAN TODAY WAS THOMAS RESTON.

Q. DO YOU HAVE ANYTHING ON THESE REPORTS OF FLOGGINGS  
IN SAUDI ARABIA.

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A. I HAVE NOTHING ON THAT.

Q. DO YOU HAVE A GENERAL VIEW ON IT AS A VIOLATION OF  
HUMAN RIGHTS?

O, I REALLY HAVE NOTHING ON THAT.

Q. DO YOU KNOW IF ANY AMERICANS HAVE EVER BEEN FLOGGED  
IN SAUDI ARABIA?

A. NO, I DONT.

Q. WHAT ABOUT THE COMPLIANCE OF ISRAEL WITH RESOLUTION  
425 AND WHAT THE SECRETARY GENERAL KURT WALDHEIM WROTE  
TO FOREIGN MINISTER DAYAN?

A. WE ARE CONFIDENT THAT THE UNITED NATIONS WILL  
SUCCEED IN RESTORING PEACE AND SECURITY TO THE AREA; AND  
INSURE THE RETURN OF EFFECTIVE LEBANESE GOVERNMENT  
AUTHORITY. AS WE HAVE , UNIFIL HAS, IN OUR VIEW,  
DONE A FIRST RATE JOB OF CARRYING OUT THE SECURITY  
COUNCIL'S MANDATE IN MOST DIFFICULT CIRCUMSTANCES. THIS,

I MIGHT SAY, INCLUDES ITS HANDLING OF ATTEMPTS AT INFILTRATION BY THE PALESTINIANS.

Q. SO YOU ARE ENDORSING THE LETTER?

A. I AM ENDORSING UNIFIL.

Q. COULD YOU TELL US EXACTLY WHY YOU ARE CONFIDENT THAT UNIFIL CAN FULFILL ITS MISSION?

A. LET ME SAY THAT THERE ARE ONGOING CONSULTATIONS ABOUT EXACTLY HOW THIS IS TO BE WORKED OUT; AND WE THINK THEY HAVE BEEN DOING A FIRST RATE JOB UNDER VERY DIFFICULT CIRCUMSTANCES, AT ESTABLISHING ORDER AND SECURITY IN UNCLASSIFIED

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SOUTH LEBANON; AND WE ARE EXPRESSING OUR CONFIDENCE IN THEM.

Q. HOW EXTENSIVE IS THE COOPERATION BETWEEN MAJOR HADDAD AND THE LEBANESE GOVERNMENT?

A. I REALLY DONT HAVE ANYTHING MORE THAN WHAT I HAVE YOU YESTERDAY ON THE RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN MAJOR HADDAD AND THE LEBANESE GOVERNMENT.

Q. IS THERE ANY LIKELIHOOD OF AN INCREASE IN UNIFIL FORCES IF THE CURRENT ONES CANT DO THE JOB?

A. I DONT HAVE ANYTHING ON THAT.

Q. DO YOU HAVE ANYTHING ON MR. BEGIN'S HEALTH?

A. NO, I DO NOT.

2. FOLLOWING IS ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN JUNE 13 WHICH HAS BEEN POSTED IN DEPARTMENT PRESS OFFICE.

Q. IS IT THE U.S. VIEW THAT UNDER RESOLUTION 425 THE ISRAELIS SHOULD HAND OVER POSITIONS TO UNIFIL AND NOT TO LEBANESE FACTIONS?

A. AS WE SAID, ARRANGEMENTS FE ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL WERE WORKED OUT WITH THE UNITED NATIONS, AND DETAILS OF

THESE ARRANGEMENTS SHOULD BE PROVIDED BY THE UN AND THE PARTIES DIRECTLY INVOLVED. WE CONTINUE TO BE IMPRESSED WITH THE WAY THE UN PEACEKEEPING FORCE HAS BEEN DEALING WITH THESE DIFFICULT AND SENSITIVE ISSUES. WE ARE UNCLASSIFIED

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GRATIFIED THAT THE ISRAELIS HAVE WITHDRAWN FULLY FROM  
LEBANON IN ACCORDANCE WITH RESOLUTION 425. CHRISTOPHER

NOTE BY OC/T: POUCHES ALGIERS.

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